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SUBJ: TARAPUR

REF: BOMBAY 631

1. CHAIRMAN SETHNA HAS ASKED THAT I URGENTLY TRANSMIT THE FOLLOW-
ING MESSAGE WHICH REFERS TO HIS LETTER OF MARCH 11, 1976
TRANSMITTED TO DEPARTMENT AS BOMBAY 636. QUOTE. THE 13 REPAIRED
RE-INSERTS MENTIONED IN MY LETTER OF MARCH 11 PARA 3, SECOND
REFUELING OF UNIT 2 REFER TO FUEL ELEMENTS WHICH ARE MADE FROM
USED FUEL ELEMENTS BY SELECTING PINS WHICH ARE NOT LEAKING AND
WHICH HAVE SUFFICIENT ENRICHED URANIUM LEFT IN THEM. THIS PRACTICE
WAS GIVEN UP FOR THE TIME BEING BECAUSE OF THE HIGH RADIATION DOSES
INVOLVED FOR PERSONNEL DOING THIS WORK. END QUOTE.

2. SETHNA SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A QUERY ON THIS POINT FROM
WASHINGTON AND WISHED THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO KNOW HOW HE HAS
RESPONDED TO IT. HE APPARENTLY WANTS TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THE REPAIR
OF USED FUEL ELEMENTS IS NOT CURRENTLY A SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL
FUEL AND HAS NOT BEEN USED SINCE JULY OF 1974.

3. IN THE SAME CONVERSATION, HE SAID THAT HE WAS STILL WORKING ON
A MORE COMPLETE REBUTTAL TO THE COCHRAN PRESENTATION BUT HE IS
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NOT INCLINED TO MAKE ANY FURTHER USE OF IT AT THIS TIME. HE

BELIEVES THAT HE HAS ALREADY PROVIDED OBNGUATE DEPARTMENT WITH SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO EFFECTIVELY REBUT COCHRAN. HE DOUBTS WISDOM OF PUTTING ADDITIONAL MATEIRAL ON THE RECORD WHICH MIGHT SIMPLY PROVIDE BASIS FOR NEW QUESTIONS TO HIM.

COMMENT: IT SEEMS TO ME THAT SOME OF HIS ADVISORS OR PERHAPS SOME OTHDR PARTS OF HIS OWN GOVERNMENT ARE STILL PUSHING HIM TO PROVIDE MORE PUBLIC RIPOSTE TO HIS ADVERSARIES. HE SEEMS INCLINED TO STICK TO WORKING THROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT BUT OBVIOUSLY WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER ADVICE IF WE BELIEVE THAT HE CAN DO MORE IN A DIRECT WAY AT ANY TIME.
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